The Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club is devoted to the study of all forms of Natural History, and is comprised of both experts and beginners. We cover a wide variety of topics, and we support conservation. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month except January, in the CSIRc conference room, Stowell Ave., Battery Point, at 7.45pm.Outings are usually held the following weekend, meeting opposite the "Prince Theatre", Macquarie Street. The Club's address is G.P.O.Box 68A, Hobart, Tas., 7001.

PROGRAMME

May Thurs.5th. MEETING Speaker Othmar Buchmann, Dept. Zoology, Uni/Tas. Subject: The Tasmanian Devil.

Sat. 7th. OUTING 10am.Mr Alan Mills, senior tutor in botany, Uni/Tas will take us either to Mt. Wellington or Collinsvale to look at fungi.

June Thurs.2nd. MEETING Speaker Peter Blackwell from the Tasmanian Environment Center.The talk is on a visit to PINTJANTATJARA LAND in the northwest of South Australia and the traditional and current lifestyles of the Aboriginals that live there.

Sat.4th. OUTING 10am.A visit to Risdon which is a significant Aboriginal occupation site.Peter Blackwell and possibly Angle McGowan and Gwen Egg will conduct the visit.

outy inurs. 7th. MEETIKG speaker reter brown, special projects officer with Lands, Farks and wildlife. Peter's topic will be the rare, endemic Orange bellied parrot, (Neophema chrysogaster).

Sat.9th. OUTING yam.Trip to Bruny Island to look for the Forty spotted pardalote (<u>Fardalotus quadragintus</u>).Peter Brown will conduct the expedition.

LIBRARY

NEW OFFICE BEARERS.

At the Annual General Meeting need on Marchyra. the following committee members were elected unopposed:

President...Peter Mcwuillan pn.255262
VicePres...Marjorie Wall ph.264165
Secretary...Helen Davidson ph.252754
Absis.Sec...Janet Slater pn.444151

General committee members are:

Margaret Mollinson, Judy Sprent and Kevin Bonnam. Bon Hird(ph 244232) is the new editor of the "Pasmanian Naturalist", and Helen Davidson will continue as Librarian. Gilbert Van Munster(ph 296602) has kindly agreed to the job of treasurer. Harry Burton is the second Vice President and the new Auditor is Peter Franklin.

NEW MEMBERS.

The club welcomes John and Grace Pickmere, Jim and hae Paterson, Nel Smit and Nell Blamey. We nope you will all enjoy your time with us!

----TEN DAY HORSE TREK IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY!-----

Retrace the now disused Bedford Stock Route on horsetack. Join Roderick Woodland wno, under licence, trapped finches in Western Australia until recently and Sonia Tidemann who studies finches in Northern Australia. Aboriginal stockmen from the region will also accompany the trip. There will be ample time each day to explore the rugged scenic country of the Saw Range in the Kimberleys and to look for birds.

Date: June 12-22. ******* Cost: \$ 1.400.

For further information and bookings: KIMBERLEY FURSUITS, P.O. Box 5, Wyndham, W.A. 6740, ph: 091 611364.

**Dr Sonia Tidemann is an active member of the N.T.Field Naturalists Club and is an authority on Australian birdlife. The horse treks and bushwalks offered by Kimberley Pursuits are a wonderful way to experience the natural history of the region. Helen Davidson also has more information.

CLUB BADGES AND "TASMANIAN BIRDS" BOOKS.

Have you purchased one of the clubs attractive green and gold "Platypus" badges yet?? There are plenty available.

Copies of the excellent Tasmanian Birds pocket book are available as well. This book is great for the naturalist and makes a pleasing gift!

OUTSTANDING LIBRARY ITEMS!

Several members have overdue books and magazines from the club library. Please return these items as soon as possible for the benefit of all members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1988.

Membership is renewable every year on January 1st.Subscriptions for 1988 remain the same as 1987:

Adults \$13.00 Families \$16.00 Juniors \$ 8.00 Pensioner \$ 8.00 holders.

Subscriptions to the magazine are \$8.00 to non-members and \$16.00 to Institutions or Libraries.

KEW LIFE MEMBER**

At the March A.G.M., Gilbert Van Munster was made a life member of the T.F.K Club in recognition of his contributions to the club during 35 years of membership.

MISTORICAL NIGHT AND CUTING: FIELD NATS. REVISITED!

The clue is planning to note an historical meeting and outing where we look back at the old days and revisit a site from the first lieu trips. This will possibly be the Cascades area, but subgestions are welcome (him Helen bavidson). It is hoped that we will be able to compare past activitie with recent times and it should be interesting to see if the site we visit has altered over the years. Any memorabelia from the past or assistance in organishing this event will be whomme. At present it is planned for account.

S.G.A.P.BICENTENNIAL SHOW.

The TRAC will be presenting a display at this years record of mastidial exhibition to be held at the fity hallyhousert on Noverd and deniformation agreemeded to set up and flow after the display. Items for exhibition which relate to the clubs activities are also needed. A special outing may be arranged in late October to collect specimens for display, e.g. yappies, mostusces e.t.c. Please contact Marjorie wait if you can assist.

FUTURE SPEAKERS AND OUTINGS.

Committee members are busy preparing an interesting and varies programme of talks and outlings for the rest of 1980. We nope that members will support the programme by attending as many as possible. Why not invite family?

A weekend at bysart or Bruny Island has been proposed. Please let the secretary know if you would be interested in attending.

